

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

# Tribal ecoAmbassadors

## 2013-2014 APPLICATION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks to strengthen partnerships with Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to implement innovative solutions for environmental issues most important to tribal governments and communities. EPA's Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program selects TCUs professors and students to serve as Tribal ecoAmbassadors to work collaboratively with EPA to address environmental concerns through funding various projects per academic year.

EPA is searching for TCU professors to partner with for the 2013-2014 academic year. Submit project proposals by **July 31, 2013** to Edna Silver at [silver.edna@epa.gov](mailto:silver.edna@epa.gov). For more information, or questions please visit: [www.epa.gov/ecoambassador/tribal](http://www.epa.gov/ecoambassador/tribal) or contact Marissa McInnis at (202) 564-2467 or [mcinnis.marissa@epa.gov](mailto:mcinnis.marissa@epa.gov)

### Eligibility Requirements:

- ☐ All U.S. citizen, including residents of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories may apply;
- ☐ Applicants must have an active affiliation with a Tribal College or University;
- ☐ Applicants must have previously been involved and/or have a strong interest in tribal environmental health issues

### EPA's Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program Timeline:

- ☐ Application Deadline: **July 31**
- ☐ Selection Notification: **Early August 2013**
- ☐ Program Orientation: **Fall 2013 [Located in Washington, D.C.]**
- ☐ Program Duration: **September 2013 – July 2014**
- ☐ Publish ecoAmbassador's Research: **Summer 2014**

### EPA's Tribal ecoAmbassadors must:

- ☐ Attend the Tribal EcoAmbassadors Orientation;
- ☐ Participate in Quarterly Check-Ins with EPA and tribal partners, and
- ☐ Publish a report that outlines research, results and key findings

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## Instructions to Applicants

- Fill out **ALL** parts of the application completely. Attach separate sheets and documents if necessary.
- Include letters of support from partners
- Include the project budget, summary, and timeline
- Include a resume and/or curriculum vitae

# I. General Project Proposal Information

**Title of Project:**

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**High-Level Project Description (3-5 sentences):**

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**Primary Audiences:**

- ☐ Tribal Environmental Programs
- ☐ Tribal Colleges and Universities
- ☐ Scholars and Researchers
- ☐ Tribes
- ☐ State and local government
- ☐ Environmental groups
- ☐ General Public
- ☐ Industry/Business

**Other Intended Audiences:**

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**Project Subject-Matter:**

- ☐ Water Quality
- ☐ Air Quality
- ☐ Waste Minimization and Management
- ☐ Climate Change Adaptation
- ☐ Climate Change Mitigation
- ☐ Pollution and Toxics
- ☐ Environmental Education
- ☐ Toxics Release Inventory

**Other Intended Project Subject-Matter:**

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**Principle ecoAmbassador (Primary Professor/Administrator):**

Name:

Affiliation (e.g., Tribal College or University, Organization):

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

**How did you learn about EPA's Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program?**

- ☐ EPA Website
- ☐ EPA Headquarter or Regional Staff
- ☐ EPA Emails
- ☐ EPA Conference
- ☐ EPA Press Release
- ☐ EPA News Letter
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Student Engagement

**Estimate the Number of Involved Students:**

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**Describe Student Involvement:**

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**Identify Student's Education Levels:**

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**Will students earn academic hours/credits for participation?**

- ☐ Yes; Anticipated academic hours/credits: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No

**Will students earn a salary for participation?**

- ☐ Yes; Anticipated amount of hours: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No

### III. Project Partnerships

**Identify existing and/or potential partnerships used to complete the project. Applicants must provide a letter of support from each partner in the application package. Please clearly mark if partnerships are existing or new.**

**1) Affiliation Name & Contact:**

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**Benefit of Partnership:**

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- ☐ Existing Partnership
- ☐ New Partnership

**2) Affiliation Name & Contact:**

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**Benefit of Partnership:**

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- ☐ Existing Partnership
- ☐ New Partnership

3) Affiliation Name & Contact:

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Benefit of Partnership:

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- ☐ Existing Partnership  
☐ New Partnership

*Please add additional partnerships and supporting materials to the end of this application.*

## IV. Project Plans

### Project Budget:

Applicants must provide a detailed, line-item budget to accurately provide a comprehensive plan for the proposed project. Line-items in the budget must include, but are not limited to:

- ☐ Overhead/Administrative Cost  
☐ Employee Compensation (include student salary)  
☐ Contract Services  
☐ Equipment/Supplies  
☐ Travel and Related Expenses

*Please attach a project budget to the end of this application.*

### Project Summary:

Applicants must provide a detailed project proposal summary to present a plan of action, outline the reasons why the action is necessary and how implementing that action will benefit the environment, human health and the community. Applicants must include the following components within the project summary:

- ☐ Project Title
- ☐ Purpose Statement  
*[Describe and state the problem the project seeks to improve.]*
- ☐ Background Information  
*[Provide pertinent background information to set the scene for the need of the project. Include relevant preliminary research or findings.]*
- ☐ Scope  
*[Describe what will be included in the project and what is excluded.]*
- ☐ Objectives

*[Describe what your project aims to achieve. Include measurements of success and address how objectives will be accomplished.]*

☐ Benefits

*[Describe how the project will benefit the environment, human health and the community. Include project deliverables.]*

☐ Dependencies

*[Include any dependencies beyond the project's control that will need to be addressed.]*

☐ Quality Assurance Project Plan

*[Please state if this is needed and if so, for which piece of the project, as well as your proposed plan for approval.]*

*Please attach a project summary to the end of this application.*

**Project Timeline:**

Applicants must provide a project timeline to clearly demonstrate a baseline of the project schedule which tracks performance, time and cost. The project timeline should represent each project objective with:

- ☐ Start and finish dates of each task
- ☐ Duration of each task
- ☐ Dependencies between tasks (predecessors and successors)
- ☐ Cost

*Please attach a project timeline to the end of this application.*

## V. Supporting Materials

Applicants must provide a resume and/or curriculum vitae to this application.

- ☐ Resume and/or
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae

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